

What is claimed is:

1. A tile system comprising:
 - (a) a plurality of tile sections, each tile section including
 - (i) a plurality of individual tiles cooperatively defining a plurality of transversely extending channels, and
 - (ii) a mesh attached to at least some of said tiles; and
 - (b) a plurality of interlockable fastening strips received in the transversely extending channels and securing said tile sections to one another.
- 10 2. The tile system according to claim 1,
said individual tiles presenting top and bottom surfaces,
said mesh being attached to the bottom surfaces of the at least some of said tiles.
- 15 3. The tile system according to claim 2; and
(c) a plurality of spacer blocks attached to at least a portion of said mesh and
opposite said tiles.
- 20 4. The tile system according to claim 1,
said fastening strips presenting top and bottom edges,
said fastening strips comprising a plurality of fastening tabs attached to the bottom
edges thereof.
- 25 5. The tile system according to claim 4,
said fastening tabs being inserted through said mesh.
6. The tile system according to claim 1,
said fastening strips having a plurality of grooves formed therein.
- 30 7. The tile system according to claim 6,
at least one of said transversely extending channels intersecting at least one other of
said transversely extending channels.

8. The tile system according to claim 7,
at least one of the grooves of one of said fastening strips received in said at least one
of said transversely extending channels receiving the fastening strip in said
at least one other of said transversely extending channels.

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9. The tile system according to claim 1,
at least a first portion of one of said fastening strips received in a transversely
extending channel of one of said tile sections and at least a second portion of
said one fastening strip received in a transversely extending channel of
10 another tile section.

10. A tile system comprising:

- (a) a plurality of individual tiles cooperatively defining a plurality of transversely extending channels;
- (b) a mesh attached to at least some of said tiles;
- (c) a plurality of spacer blocks attached to at least a portion of said mesh opposite said tiles; and
- (d) a plurality of elongated, interlockable fastening strips received in the transversely extending channels and securing the tiles to one another.

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10. The tile system according to claim 10,
said individual tiles presenting top and bottom surfaces,
said mesh being attached to the bottom surfaces of the at least some of said tiles.

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12. The tile system according to claim 10,
said fastening strips presenting top and bottom edges,
said fastening strips comprising a plurality of fastening tabs attached to the bottom edges thereof.

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13. The tile system according to claim 12,
said fastening tabs being inserted through said mesh.

14. The tile system according to claim 10,
said fastening strips having a plurality of grooves formed therein.

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15. The tile system according to claim 14,
at least one of said transversely extending channels intersecting at least one other of said transversely extending channels.

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16. The tile system according to claim 15,
at least one of the grooves of one of said fastening strips received in said at least one of said transversely extending channels receiving the fastening strip in said at least one other of said transversely extending channels.

17. A method of laying tile, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) placing first and second tile sections next to one another, each of said tile sections including a plurality of individual tiles and a mesh attached to at least some of the individual tiles, the individual tiles cooperatively defining first transversely extending channels within each of the tile sections, the first and second tile sections cooperatively defining a second transversely extending channel therebetween;
- (b) placing a first interlocking fastening strip in at least a portion of the first channel of the first tile section and in at least a portion of the first channel of the second tile section, the first fastening strip intersecting the second channel; and
- (c) placing a second interlocking fastening strip in the second channel between the first and second tile sections, the second fastening strip interlocking with the first fastening strip.

18. The method according to claim 17,

said first and second fastening strips comprising a plurality of grooves formed therein,

step (c) further including the step of mating at least one groove of the second fastening strip with at least one groove of the first fastening strip.

19. The method according to claim 17,

said plurality of individual tiles cooperatively defining a third transversely extending channel within each of the tile sections that is substantially parallel to the first channels.

20. The method according to claim 19; and

(d) placing a third interlocking fastening strip in at least a portion of the third channel of the first tile section and in at least a portion of the third channel of the second tile section.

21. The method according to claim 20,
said third fastening strip interlocking with said second fastening strip.

22. The method according to claim 17; and

5 (e) anchoring at least one of the first and second tile sections to a surface using
a helically-flighted fastener inserted through the at least one tile section and
into the surface.